

## **REMARKS**

This application is the United States National Stage of International Patent Cooperation Treaty Patent Application No. PCT/US03/35057, filed November 3, 2003, and claims the benefit of United States Provisional Patent Application No. 60/423,231, filed November 2, 2002.

The applicant upon compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §371(c) and to the extent that the applicant has filed this United States National Stage application earlier than 30 months from the earliest filed application on which priority has been claimed above, specifically makes a request under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f) for early processing.

For the examiner's convenience, a copy of the specification and drawings as filed with the International PCT Patent Application; a copy of the International PCT Patent Application as published under the PCT; a copy of the International Search Report; a copy of the PCT Demand and Article 19 Amendments; and a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report and amended sheets, are enclosed with this United States National Stage Application.

As can be understood from these documents, the applicant amended the claims as originally filed under PCT Article 19 (now filed as original claims 1-30 in the United States National Stage), and claims 1-30 as amended were accorded a completely favorable status in the International Preliminary Examination Report. As such, the each of claims 1-30 satisfy the criteria of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) as to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability and the applicant has paid the basic national fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(a)(4). Having met the criteria of 37 C.F.R. §1.492(a)(4) and paid the basic national fee thereunder, the applicant requests that the examination of this application be taken up out of order.

## CONCLUSION

The applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment to amend the specification of this United States National Stage application to include a claim of priority to and the benefit earlier filed applications. The applicant makes a request under 35 U.S.C. § 371(f) for early processing, and having met the criteria of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) as to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability and having paid the basic national fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.492(a)(4) makes a request that the examination of this application be taken up out of order.

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